# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

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AI EXPRESS TO GULF AND BANGAKOK
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received to the Union Government for providing low-cost Air India Express services from Hyderabad to Bangkok, Riyadh and Kuwait;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a), (b) and (c): Yes, Sir. A request was received from Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in October, 2006 for operation of Air India Express flights from Hyderabad to Gulf Countries and Bangkok. Air India Express is planning three flights a week from Hyderabad to Abu Dhabi by end of April, 2008. Currently, Air India Express has no plans for operations to Bangkok, Riyadh and Kuwait from Hyderabad. However, Air India is operating non-stop flights from Hyderabad to Bangkok and Kuwait and through hub and spoke operations over Mumbai to Riyadh.